House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:


I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER SHAYS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Pledge of Allegiance

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 235. An act to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 6. Concurrent resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106–83, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces his appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the National Council on the Arts—the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DeWINE); and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. Sessions).

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

745. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) to civilian sporting events in support of essential security and safety needs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

746. A letter from the Director, Defense Humanitarian, or Peacekeeping Operations, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on assistance provided by the Army, Department of Defense, to civilian sporting events in support of essential security and safety needs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

747. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Cost or Pricing Data Threshold [DFARS Case 2000–D026] received January 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

748. A letter from the Senior Banking Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Financial Subsidiaries (RIN: 1505–AA77) received January 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

Matter set in this typeface represents words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.
pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

749. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Department of the Treasury, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, FDIC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation, and Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Requirements for Loan Program for Credit Unions—received January 22, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

750. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revisions to the Agency’s Final Rule: Delay of Effective Date [FRL-5943-3] (RIN: 0648-AH72) received February 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

751. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revisions to the Requirements Applicable to Blood, Blood Components, and Source Plasma; Confirmation in Part and Technical Amendment [Docket No. 98N-0673] received January 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

752. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s final rule—New Animal Drugs for Use in Animal Feeds; Decoys, Accessories, and Toy Livestock: Revisions to Approved Veterinary Drug Application Numbers [Docket No. 00N-0673] received January 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

753. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 99F-2356] received January 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

754. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Oxides of Nitrogen [MD108-3063; FRL-6992-7; 66FR 5216; 7FR00-002; 69FR 63160; 70FR 34036; 71FR 68941a; received January 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

755. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Revisions to New Source Review [DB065-1010a; FRL-6941-3] received February 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

756. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Rate of Progress Plans, Phase I Ozone Implementation Plan [Region 2 Docket No. NY7-218, FRL 5980-1] received February 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.


758. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Amendments to Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources; Monitoring Requirements: Delay of Effective Date [FRL-6992-3] (RIN: 2006-A222) received February 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

759. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Environmental Program Grants for Tribes; Final Rule: Delay of Effective Date [FRL-6992-7] (RIN: 2006-A226) received February 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

760. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Amendments to Certain Chemical Substances; Delay of Effective Date [OPPTS-50638A; FRL-6769-7] (RIN: 2970-A127) received February 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

761. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection Program; [Docket No. 01-901; RIN: 2060-AH71] received February 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

762. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Approval of Opacity Recodifications and Revisions to Visible Emissions Requirements [COMAR 26.11.06.02 [MD105-3054; FRL-6916-6] received February 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

763. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Sec- tion 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Susquehanna and Hallested, Pennsylvania) [MM Docket No. 00-15; RM-9884] received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

764. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Sec- tion 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Florencie and Comobabi, Arizona) [MM Docket No. 00-107; RM-9901] received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

765. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Sec- tion 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Strattanville and Farmington Township, Pennsylvania) [MM Docket No. 99-56; RM-9561] received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

766. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Amendments to the Agency’s Final Rule; Delay of Effective Date [FRL-6999-1] (RIN: 2970-A139) received January 22, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

767. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Implementation of Presidential Amendment—NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-02 Guidance On Risk-Informed Decision-Making In License Amendment Reviews—Region 7, received January 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.


769. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Threatened Status for the Mountain Pine-Whitebark Pine [Docket No. RM-1018-00; FRL-6891a; 69FR 6891a; received January 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

770. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department’s Federal Activities Inven- tory Reform Act Inventory and annual report to the Committee on Government Reform.

771. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fish- eries; Pelagic Shark Species (L.D. 121200G) received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

about their Federal Unemployment Tax Act obligations for 2000—received January 31, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

807. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2001-3) received January 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

808. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting notification that the Commission has transmitted to the President the confidential version of its report on Investigation No. TA-204-1, Lamb Meat: Monitoring Developments in the Domestic Industry; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

809. A letter from the Secretaries, Department of the Army and the Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report on a Joint Order Interchanging Administrative Jurisdiction of the Department of the Army Lands and National Forest Lands; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Transportation and Infrastructure.

810. A letter from the Secretary and Attorney General, Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled, “Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program: Final Report of the Medicare OIG’s Independent Investigation of the Implementation of Section 811(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.


812. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report entitled, “[The Nation’s Housing: 2001—Summary of Findings]”; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. CLEMENT):

H.R. 554. A bill to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BALDacci, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. Thomas M. Davis of Virginia, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. FRANK, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HILLARD, Mr. HORN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. PAYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PALONE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. WHITFIELD):

H.R. 555. A bill to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. LEACH:

H.R. 556. A bill to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma (for himself and Mr. WATT of North Carolina):

H.R. 557. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to provide for the payment of Financing Corporation interest obligations from balances in the deposit insurance funds in excess of an established ratio and, after such obligations are satisfied, to provide for rebates to insured depository institutions of such excess reserves; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. HOLDEN):

H.R. 558. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 West Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the “Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

3. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Guam, relative to Resolution No. 435 memorializing the President of the United States of America and the United States Congress to fund an objective, non-partisan Citizens’ Education Program for the Political Status Plebiscite to be conducted on behalf of the indigenous people of Guam; to the Committee on Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 2: Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RHYNDALS, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. KELLER, Mrs. Jo Ann DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HOLT, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. SHOES, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. WELLES, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. HILLEY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. ADEHOLT, and Mr. BOEHLENT.

H.R. 147: Mr. UDAALL of Colorado, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. JACKSON-Lee of Texas, Mr. PAUL, Mr. KUCINICH, and Mr. FATTAH.

H.R. 237: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 244: Mr. PICKERING, Mr. DICKS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. KRNSNEY of Rhode Island, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. CLAY, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. McINTYRE.

H.R. 267: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GORDON, and Mr. ISAKSON.

H.R. 270: Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 320: Mr. ENGLISH and Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 333: Mr. ISSA, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 337: Mr. Jones of North Carolina, Mr. COOKSEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. ROSS.

H.R. 338: Mr. Jones of North Carolina, Mr. COOKSEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. ROSS.

H.R. 429: Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 482: Mr. LARGENT.

H. Con. Res. 4: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN and Mr. UDAALL of Colorado.
The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read a communication to the Senate.

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 12, 2001,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SESSIONS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2001.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 o’clock and 13 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FORT LEONARD WOOD WINS NATIONAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD

HON. IKE SKELETON OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 12, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the “Marching Across Missouri” community relations initiative at Fort Leonard Wood. On January 31, 2001, at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C., this outstanding program was recognized as one of the Army’s top community relations efforts.

Maj. Gen. Larry D. Gottardi, Chief of Public Affairs, presented this award at the Army’s Worldwide Public Affairs Symposium. The “Marching Across Missouri” initiative exceeded the Army’s community relations objectives. Those objectives are: to increase public awareness of the Army, inspire patriotism, foster good relations with the various publics, maintain the Army’s reputation and support recruiting. Community relations officer for Fort Leonard Wood showed great skill in achieving these objectives.

Mr. Speaker, community relations are vital to the U.S. Armed Services. The superb actions taken by the men and women who serve at Fort Leonard Wood, under the direction of Commanding General Andrew Aaadland, promote good relations with civilian communities in Missouri. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending congratulations to the service people at Ft. Leonard Wood.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING CERTAIN LANDS ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERN COAST OF MAUI, HAWAII, IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

HON. PATSY T. MINK OF HAWAII
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 12, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of including a six-mile area of the island of Maui’s southeastern shoreline from Keone’oio and KanaloaPoint in the National Park System.

The area, which surrounds La Perouse (Keone’oio) Bay, is rich in archaeological, cultural, historical, and natural resources. Important sites in the proposed park area contain remnants of dwellings, heiau (places of worship), fishing shrines, platforms, enclosures, shelters, walls, graves, and canoe hale (houses) that date back as early as 1100 A.D. This portion of the southeast coast is also the home of unique native plants and animals, some of which are endangered.

The County of Maui passed Resolution 00–136 on October 6, 2000, expressing its support for having this area designated as a National Park. The proposal has also been endorsed by the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission of the Department of Planning.

While the State of Hawaii has expressed interest in managing and protecting these important resources, they have been unable to do so due to lack of funds. Operators of four-wheel drive vehicles are unknowingly destroying valuable resources at this site due to lack of supervision, signage, and cultural interpretation materials. This is a site of national significance, which deserves the level of protection only the National Park Service can provide.

A grassroots community effort led by Mary M. Evason of Makawao, Maui, has gained broad support on the island. Designation of this fragile area as a national park fits with the National Park Service’s mission of preserving natural and cultural treasures for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of future generations.

TRIBUTE TO THE SABATHANI COMMUNITY CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS, MN, IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 12, 2001

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the history and heritage of African-Americans this month, I wish to take the opportunity to recognize a very special organization in Minneapolis, MN, which has provided invaluable services to the African-American community for over three decades: Sabathani Community Center.

Founded in 1966, Sabathani Community Center is one of many grassroots organizations that sprang up in communities across the country in the wake of President Lyndon Baines Johnson’s “Great Society” initiative. Focusing first on providing recreational opportunities to African-American youth at the old Minneapolis Bryant Junior High School on 38th Street and 3rd Avenue South, Sabathani’s founders soon expanded their “basic needs” mission to address a number of other social and community needs.

At the time Sabathani was created, I was a member of the minority DFL caucus in the Minnesota House of Representatives. It was an era of great expansion of rights and opportunities for people of color, women, and working-class Americans throughout our Nation. Since the 1960’s, much has changed in the south Minneapolis neighborhoods Sabathani serves. The center was one of dozens of grassroots organizations founded then. Today, few of these have survived, but Sabathani is thriving because it has grown and changed with the community and its needs.

Sabathani continues to flourish as the “heart” of a community. The center provides a fine service model where good intentions, sound administration, positive government involvement, and solid community support intersect to provide the opportunities that hundreds of people—of every race, gender, and nationality—need to improve their lives. In fact, several programs and services Sabathani provides have been credited as many people’s “lifeblood.”

Sabathani Community Center has evolved into a meeting place for “one-stop-shopping”—providing beneficial programs and services in one central location. Sabathani sponsors 10 programs of its own to serve the diverse needs of the community, ranging from life skills classes to senior independent living programs to community involvement initiatives. In addition, 40 community agencies and organizations collaborate with Sabathani and conduct their operations in its historic, red brick school building. The center has also received financial support from over 100 foundations, corporations, businesses and other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate African-American History Month, I salute the Sabathani Community Center.

For 34 years, it has served proudly and well to the benefit of the African-American community and the city of Minneapolis as a whole. I also salute all of the dedicated staff and volunteers at Sabathani whose time, energy, and support have kept the center responsive to the changing needs of its surrounding neighborhoods. To name only a few such dedicated people who have worked for years to build Sabathani Community Center and the surrounding neighborhood, I wish to recognize Sabathani’s Executive Director, Jim Cook; its Family Resources Director, Clarissa Walker; and Dorothy Woolfolk, a Sabathani neighborhood civil rights activist. They deserve great thanks. They have contributed to the unqualified success of Sabathani Community Center as a gathering place where unmet needs are addressed and social change is encouraged.

CHILD CARE AFFORDABILITY FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 12, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mrs. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Child Care Affordability for Federal Employees Act. This bill enables federal agencies to use their salary and expense accounts to help low-income federal employees pay for child care. Balancing work and family has become increasingly difficult for families, and federal employees are no exception.

My legislation will provide opportunities for federal agencies to help offer quality child care for their employees’ children by allowing federal agencies to use their salary and expense
accounts to help executive employees pay for child care. In each of the 2 years, this legislation has been included in the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Bill. It is my hope that we can now make this much needed service for our federal employees permanent. Evidence has already begun to show that the success of the program and OPM will be coming out with a report in March which will further elaborate on its usefulness for federal agencies.

The Child Care Affordability for Federal Employees Act, developed with the help of OPM, would allow agencies to pay a portion of the providers’ operating costs, thus enabling the centers to reduce the fees charged to lower income federal employees. It would be up to individual agencies to determine whether or not to use funds from their salary and expense accounts to help provide child care. Agencies—not employees—would make payments to child care providers to help lower income federal employees pay for their child care.

One of the greatest challenges families face is finding safe, affordable day care. Having raised nine children and now watching them struggle with their own child care dilemmas, I am well acquainted with the problems associated with finding quality day care. America’s lack of safe, affordable day care is not a new problem, but its consequences are becoming more dire, and it does require new, innovative solutions. In 1995, 62 percent of women with children younger than 6 and 77 percent of women with children between the ages of 6 and 17 were in the labor force.

Approximately one-quarter of all federal workers have children under the age of 6 needing care at some time during the workday. In some federal child care facilities, families are charged up to $10,000 or more per child per year. Many federal employees simply cannot afford quality child care. By allowing agencies the flexibility to help workers meet their child care needs, we will be encouraging family-friendly workplaces and higher productivity. It is clear that we need more child care, we need affordable child care, and we need quality child care. And unless child care becomes a priority in the private sector and the public sector, families, including those of federal employees, aren’t going to find it.

Mr. Speaker, as a nation, we must and we can do better for our children, and this legislation, making federal services permanent, is an important first step.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF GENE AND EILEEN DOSSON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 12, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Gene and Eileen Dosson were united in marriage on February 24th, 1951, and will be celebrating their 50th year as man and wife; Whereas, Gene and Eileen declared their love before God, family and friends; Whereas, Gene and Eileen have had 50 years of sharing, loving and working together;

Whereas, Gene and Eileen may be blessed with all the happiness and love that two can share and may their love grow with each passing year;

Whereas, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Gene and Eileen on their 50th anniversary, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Gene and Eileen Dosson many more years of happiness together.

MICHAEL J. NADON: A TRIBUTE

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 12, 2001

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a truly great American, Michael Nadon, whom the Lord claimed for eternal life earlier this month.

Michael J. Nadon, a certified aircraft dispatcher and a decorated veteran of the conflict in Viet Nam, passed away unexpectedly on February 3rd, 2001. Winner of the Bronze Star and recipient of three Purple Hearts, Mike displayed quiet courage in the face of all life’s challenges. On January 13th, 1967, as a member of the First Infantry Division, severely wounded, he refused medical treatment and continued to assist others while under heavy fire. Certainly, some of this courage and character came from his father, Joe, a World War II fighter pilot.

As a charter member and past president of the Airliner Dispatchers Federation (ADF), Mike was instrumental in changing regulations to improve aviation safety in the National Airspace System. Thanks to Mike, the safest form of mass transportation in the world is safer still. His contributions were numerous, his spirit was unbroken, his intellect was great and his heart was huge. Mike Nadon will be missed by his family, by his friends, and by his country.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH N. KREMONAS

HON. RIC KELLER
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 12, 2001

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor one of my constituents, Joseph N. Kremonas. After over 45 years of dedicated service in the United States defense industry, Mr. Joseph N. Kremonas has recently retired from the Lockheed Martin Corporation. Mr. Kremonas has served the United States defense community by leading in the development of numerous systems for the United States Department of Defense to support our nation’s warfighter.

Several professional associations have benefited from his membership such as the Association of the Army, The American Defense Preparedness Association, National Security Industrial Association and the National Aeronautic Association.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in expressing thanks to Mr. Kremonas for his service.
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 14
9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the structure of ICANN, the organization in charge of creating and distributing Internet domain names, and the effort underway to expand available domain names.

SR–253

10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the impact of recent pardons granted by President Clinton.

SD–226

Finance
To hold hearings to examine education tax and saving incentives.

SD–215

2 p.m.
Appropriations
Transportation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the Department of Transportation’s management challenges.

SD–124

2:30 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission.

SD–538

FEBRUARY 15
9:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on President Bush’s education proposals.

SD–430

10 a.m.
Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD–226

Budget
To hold hearings on Medicare reform and prescription drugs.

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Senate met at 9:59:40 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:13 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2001.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CALIFORNIA ENERGY CRISIS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: on Friday, February 9, Committee concluded hearings to examine the current state of California’s energy crisis and the use of the Defense Production Act to address this crisis, after receiving testimony from Eric J. Fygi, Acting General Counsel, and Paul F. Carrier, Director of the Office of Energy Emergencies, both of the Department of Energy.

NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current outlook for the national defense budget, focusing on funding and structural reform needed to preserve our national security, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Lieberman, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; Adm. William A. Owens, USN (Ret.), Bellevue, Washington, former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C.
House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 554–558, were introduced.

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shays to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H255.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No recorded votes or quorum calls developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings to examine the first Monetary Policy Report for 2001, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on the budget outlook and tax policy, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine airline customer service, 9 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on the nomination of Joe M. Allbaugh, of Texas, to be Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine the nursing shortage and it’s impact on America’s health care delivery system, 10 a.m., SD–430.

House

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 554, Rail Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2001; and an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress, 5:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Administration’s tax relief proposals, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will continue a period of morning business until 3:15 p.m.; at which time, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 13

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of suspensions:
1. H. Res. 34, congratulating the Prime Minister-elect of Israel, Ariel Sharon, calling for an end to violence in the Middle East and, reaffirming the friendship between the Governments of the United States and Israel; and

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